part of the project that includes consultation of secondary source material and field work was. to be completed by the end of the 7th Plan period. The Publication of 43 volumes was scheduled to be Completed by the year 1996, through the Oxford University Press and a Consortium of four publishers especially selected for this purpose.

(c) The operational part of the project including field work, analysis of data and writing of abstracts and reports was completed as per the schedule. The Publication programme of the 43 volumes, however, could not be adhered to.

(d) Out. of 43 volumes, eight (8) National volumes and fifteen (15) State/ Union Territory volumes have been published. The manuscripts of the National and State/Union territory volumes duly edited in publishable form were handed over to all the publishers on *31.3.1993.* The reason for delay in completion of the publication programme within the time schedule, was because of incorporation of additional data based on secondary sources, as well as from fresh field work, at the instance of the editor/ general editor of the volumes, besides time taken to check and proof read the same.

(e) As per the agreement, the distribution of the 43 volumes will be undertaken by the respective publishers. The price of each volume is fixed by the publisher in consultation with the *Anthropological Survey of India* on the basis of the established formula of the Anthropological Survey of India. The price of each volume, therefore, is likely to vary.

Improvement in Varieties of Sugarcane

*60. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian council of Agricultural Research has made any efforts to improve the sugarcane varieties being grown in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) whether if is a fact that cane yield in Andhra Pradesh are not upto the optimum mark;

(c) whether any effort has been made to study the reasons for high yield of cane in some foreign countries;

(d) what steps are proposed to be introduced to ensure better varieties of cane in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of the steps proposed by ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir, under the ICAR sponsored All India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane, varietal improvement programme is taken up at Anakapalle centre of Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University.

(b) The cane yields in Andhra Pradesh have been higher than the national average.

(c) The factors responsible for higher yields in some foreign countries have been critically analysed and taken into account in technology generation progrmmes.

(d) and (e) The following steps are taken by ICAR to introduce better varieties in Andhra Pradesh:

(i) The promising varieties are identified as CO8014, COA 8401, CO A 7601, COC 671, CO7706, COR 93096, CO6907, CO 7219 and CO 62175 for commercial cultivation.

(ii) Intensification of breeding and selection programme using new parents.

(iii) Popularisation of better varieties through Front-Line Demonstrations.

(iv) Production and distribution of quality seed of improved varities.